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DEVELOPMENT OF FORESTS IN GUJARAT
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Gujarat has submitted any project for the development of forests;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has approved the above project;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the development work carried out in Gujarat consequently?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA)

(a), (b), (c), (d) & (e) Yes, Sir. The Government of Gujarat has submitted Gujarat Forestry Development Project for the development of forests. The project will be of 8 years duration, starting from 2007-08 to 2014-15. The project activities will be confined to the forest areas of Eastern tribal belt of the State, Reserve Grasslands in Rajkot District, Mangroves in Kori Creek, Kachch Coast, Marine National Park and Jam Nagar Division. The project activities, interalia , include Forest Development & Management, Wildlife Conservation & Development and Community/Tribal Development. The total cost of the Project is Rs. 830.27 crores including Rs. 135 crores as State share. The loan agreement between Government of India and Government of Japan has not been signed as yet. This project is included in FY 2006 JBIC, ODA , Loan package. As the project is yet to start, no development work under the project has been carried out in Gujarat State so far.